

## ABSTRACT

A monitoring system which is suitable for, for example, preventing crime for a residence, includes a plurality of terminals (31, 32, ...) for monitoring whether predetermined monitoring points are in a stationary state or a nonstationary state, and a central processing device (10) for controlling a setting/canceling operation of alarm operations of the terminals(31, 32, ...). The central processing device (10) has a communication unit that receives information related to the stationary/nonstationary states from the terminals and transmits predetermined information including commands to the terminals. Each terminal has a communication unit that transmits information related to stationary/nonstationary states to the central processing device and receives the predetermined information from the central processing device. Thus bidirectional communication can be achieved between the central processing device and the terminals. The plurality of terminals (31, 32, ...) may include a terminal with an emergency call unit which operates in an emergency to call or notify, and a terminal having a notification unit which indicates that notification of occurrence of nonstationay state has been accepted by a predetermined point of contact.